



Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Fiesta Cup

July 12th-13th, 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Affecting J/70 Class for US Adult Championship Qualifiers

The Organizing Authority for the 2014 Fiesta Cup Regatta will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

The following guidelines are added to the Notice of Race for the purposes of the J/70 fleet US Adult Sailing Championship Qualifier:

US Adult Sailing Championship: <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USAdult.htm>

1. RULES

- 1.1. Competitors participating in the **J/70** Class at the Fiesta Cup who wish to be eligible for US Adult Sailing championship qualifier shall comply with US Sailing Regulation 10 D (Use of personal flotation device): Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall either be a USCG Type III or Type V device that depends 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
 - 1.1.1. The preamble to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard USCG) approved Type III or V Personal Floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing;
- 1.2. Breaches of Rule 1.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 1.3. Competitors participating in this **J/70** Class at the Fiesta Cup who wish to compete for the US Adult Sailing championship qualifier shall comply with the eligibility requirements set forth in the Conditions of the US Adult Sailing Championship available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Championships/Adult%20Conditions.pdf> and listed below:
(Section 3 of the Conditions)
 - 1.3.1. There are no gender restrictions for helmsperson or crews for each team.
 - 1.3.2. The helmsperson and all crew must 18 years of age or older in the year of competition, except that one member of the crew may be 15 years or older in the year of the event; and,
 - 1.3.3. be a member of a local sailing organization (LSO)* within the same US Sailing Area as the helmsperson; and
 - 1.3.4. reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the LSO is geographically located; and
 - 1.3.5. be an individual or family member of US Sailing.
 - 1.3.6. comply with crew weight limits which may be imposed. The weight limits and the weigh-in process shall be posted in the Notice of Race

*Local Sailing organization (LSO) is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization that is an organizational member of a Regional Sailing Association (RSA) or US Sailing.
- 1.4. Section 8.2.3-8.2.4 of the US Adult Sailing Championship Conditions are not in effect for this event if they conflict with the Rules of the **J/70** Class that are in effect for this event.
- 1.5. Section 11 of the US Adult Sailing Championship Conditions is not in effect for boats borrowed or chartered for this event.

2. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- 2.1. Decision of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5 However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2(a) may be appealed.
- 2.2. Contact information, including e-mail and telephone number, for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairmen of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.
- 2.3. Rule 65.2 **INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS** is changed as follows:
A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the protest committee no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.
- 2.4. Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:
A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.

Area Elimination Reopening

(a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Semi Final Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original protest or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing as well as the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Championships Director, LizWalker@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chairman, swmadero@aol.com.

(b) The protest committee for an Area Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint its chairman.

(c) An Area Qualifier Reopening will be conducted by telephone/VOIP conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the parties to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

3. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 3.1. For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.
- 3.2. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
- 3.3. When the Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in Rule 69.2 and a competitor found to have breached this requirement shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

4. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted per rule 69.2(a) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01)

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